

Department of Emergency Management & Homeland Security
Training Committee
May 9, 2005 Meeting Minutes

Attendees:

Kristin Sullivan
Terry Devito
Paul Smith
Steve Walsh
Robert McGarry
Jack Casner
Dan Warzoha
Paul Benyeda
Bob Christ
Robert Keney
Rob Gega
Jeff Morrisette
Wayne Sandford

The meeting was called to order by Committee Chair Morrisette at 1:40 p.m. participants were requested to introduce themselves and what organization they represent. It was mentioned that this new committee is made up primarily of participants from a previous training committee instituted by UCONN. The feeling was not to reinvent the wheel as the previous committee had begun to make some progress. The full committee make-up would be reviewed because it appeared there were some deficiencies.

An overview of the Committee's mission was presented by Deputy Commissioner Wayne Sandford. At present training is coordinated by the UCONN Homeland Security Education Center. The original desire was for UCONN to become recognized by the feds as a Center of Excellence or National Training Consortium. Based upon input by many first responders, the new DEMHS would like this committee to review the current arrangement and determine whether this is the best delivery model or whether the agency should shift responsibility for training to the various agencies/organizations that have the capability to deliver training. Training needs include entry level, In-service and advanced including degree programs. FY 04 funding for training is approximately \$1.4 million. The major goal of the training committee is to determine how to best expend the available funding for training. It was also reported that training funds could be used to pay stipends for participants in state or regional training programs. D/C Sandford requested that the Committee was expected to present a report to the full DEMHS Coordinating Council in June.

Robert McGarry and Paul Benyeda provided brief overviews of training activities to date. Dan Warzoha and referenced the work of the previous training committee and requested that their work be used as a basis for continued work by this committee.

D/C Sandford spoke of specific training that should be considered including radio interoperability (ITAC & STOCS), Decon Trailer training, etc.

Kristin Sullivan gave a brief overview of CTTrain and its ability to be utilized as a central database for the collection and maintenance of training statistics. Paul Benyeda spoke about his recent discussions with representatives from FEMA's Emergency Management Institute and their inability to share course attendee data to CTTrain. D/C Sandford stated this area would need to be investigated further.

General information and future membership needs were discussed by those in attendance. Chair Morrisette requested that prior to the next meeting that each participant evaluate training needs for their particular discipline.

The next meeting date was scheduled for 1:30 p.m. on Monday, May 23, 2005 at DPS HQ room to be determined.

